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The Discussion Continues . . .

FBA and GWU on the Health & Wellness Center

Part II

In the February issue of the *Foggy Bottom News*, an exchange of letters between GWU and the FBA on the Health & Wellness Center was published. An extensive article on the exchange was printed on the front page of *The Hatchet*, advising — correctly — that “GWU officials and FBA representatives failed to agree” on the plan. They also quoted Dr. Al Ingle, who signed the GWU letter, who said that “The campus plan does not call for a dorm,” and that three law firms who have reviewed the plans agree that the wording supports the H&W application.

Below is the follow-up letter from GWU and the FBA’s answer. We feel that printing this exchange will be helpful to both the university’s and

citizens’ understanding of the question. We thank Dr. Ingle for initiating this written dialogue, and Chris Lamb for helping with the FBA’s responses.

Thank you for your letter dated December 4, 1995. I am pleased that the Foggy Bottom Association continues to provide us with ideas and suggestions to improve our planning and development. We look forward to participating in this kind of productive dialogue.

“Use is Consistent”

With respect to the Health & Wellness Center, the proposed use is consistent with the Campus Plan. As you know, Square 42 is designated in the Plan as “Support/Support with Residential-Athletic facilities, administrative offices, physical plant facilities,



Howard Gillette, Jr.

auxiliary services, parking, related Educational Mixed Use and other functions described for Residential.” The proposed Health & Wellness Center is consistent with the uses permitted under this designation, and, in fact, is less intensive than some of the other uses allowed.

Our vision for the Health & Wellness Center is to develop a “state-of-the-art” facility to promote health and wellness activities for our students, in concert with the community. Wellness program activities will include, for example, those associated with the Women’s Exercise Research Center which provides educational, clinical programs, and graduate-level training. We will develop individualized exercise programs to achieve and maintain healthier lifestyles in

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Howard Gillette, Washington Historian, To Speak at February Meeting

At the February meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, we are pleased to have as our speaker **Howard Gillette, Jr.**, Professor of American Civilization and History at GWU. His specialties, or as they say in academia his major teaching fields, have been Washington, D.C. and U.S. urban, social and cultural history with emphasis on the 20th century.

His latest book is “Between Justice and Beauty: Race, Planning and the Failure of Urban Policy in Washington, D.C.” If one thinks about the current situation in our city, that book title seems to promise great insight and perhaps some answers to the problems we are facing.

Two of his earlier books are all about Washington: *Washington Seen: A Photographic History, 1875-1965* (with Fredric Miller); and

Southern City, National Ambition: The Growth of Early Washington, 1800-1860.

Gillette was a founder and first director of GWU’s Center for Washington Area Studies. He also served as editor of *Washington History*, published by Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

Howard Gillette, Jr.

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7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting: Monday, March 25)

Development Policies Also Are Debated

In the latest exchange of letters between FBA and GWU, the university’s growth and development plans again were debated. Dr. Ingle said:

As we continue with our development program, we will strive to see that development proceeds in a manner sensitive to residents within the campus boundary as well as those adjacent to the campus. Parking, traffic and architectural compatibility to the community are given serious scrutiny by our development team. Also, the University is committed to minimizing the potential adverse impacts from construction within the campus boundaries.

The University is in the process of exploring new and innovative ways to plan and integrate deci-

sions on what should be included in its Campus Plan. Our goal includes developing a system for evaluating future growth and development and recommending how those needs can be accomplished, given resources available to the University. Issues of campus boundary expansion and real estate purchases outside the campus boundaries are better dealt with in that context. Our objective, during the next planning cycle, proposes a process which allows for involvement by citizens, students, university personnel, and others critical to the development and implementation of an effective plan for The George Washington University. We recognize this will be a dynamic and productive process. (continued on page 5)

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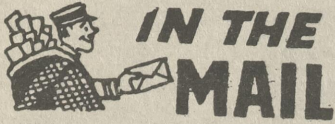
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Need Help?

Foggy Bottom Has Volunteers for the Elderly

The article, "We Had A Little Snow, Didn't We?" identified several altruistic Foggy Bottomites. I'd like to mention Jeff Riley, a GW law student who lives in the Fitzgerald Apartments at 25th and Eye. Jeff shoveled paths for residents on 25th Street from Eye to Snows Court on January 7 and also twice later in the week. This enabled us to have a bit shoveled before tackling the rest of the walks. (All were cleared during the following days.) Jeff is from Algona, Iowa, and certainly is a fine young person.

Dorothy Bunevich

Steve Timlin Named Ad Manager

Steve Timlin has been named Advertising Manager of the *News*, effective February 5. Timlin, who lives at 842 New Hampshire Avenue, served earlier as FBA Treasurer, and brings to the position a variety of experiences in retail and other endeavors. Among other talents, vocations and avocations are tax preparation, as a paralegal, and as a tour guide. Steve is planning to contact all current advertisers, and stands ready to work with any new advertisers. His phone number is 338-8570.

What a winter! You may have had to postpone grocery shopping for days because of all the snow and ice. Or perhaps you couldn't make it to the drug store to pick up a prescription. All elderly residents of Foggy Bottom should remember that we have a corps of volunteers in our community to help with such chores. And it's fairly easy to arrange for help, either on a short-term basis or for longer periods.

George Washington University students have organized some of their volunteer efforts for the elderly in a group called the Neighbors Project. This project works in conjunction with IONA Senior Services, the upper northwest aging agency that serves seniors in our neighborhood. Students will help elderly Foggy Bottom residents with a wide variety of errands and tasks. These include grocery shopping, light housework or yardwork, shoveling snow, food delivery, and walking or riding to and from medical and other appointments. In addition, they will

make social visits to elderly persons living alone and needing companionship. Student volunteers are also available to help seniors recovering in their own homes following a hospital confinement. Call **Rusty Stahl** or **Julie Kaufman** at 202-994-6554 to arrange help from a volunteer.

You can also call IONA at 202-966-1055 for assistance or for helping you decide whether student volunteer help is what you need. IONA suggests, however, that you try the Neighbors Project first. IONA is working with the students and provides training workshops for them.

And don't forget St. Mary's Court when you would like to get out and share a meal with a neighbor; quite a few residents of Foggy Bottom regularly enjoy a hot and delicious lunch or dinner at the Court. St. Mary's Court also sponsors free activities which all residents of the neighborhood are encouraged to attend. Movies are Sunday nights and game night is Friday. Stop and pick up a calendar of events when you're walking by.

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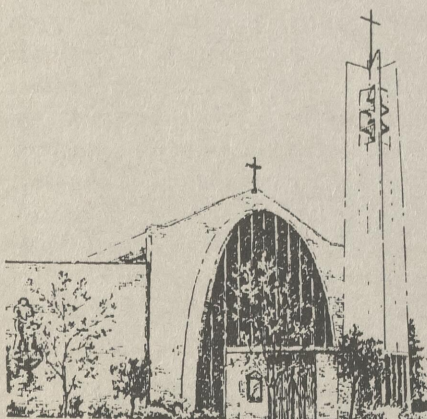
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Becker Beat

The recent exchange of letters between FBA and GWU made a paragraph in Eleanor Holmes Norton's newsletter "catch my eye." It bears on what we consider the dangerous GWU policy of purchasing any piece of real estate in Foggy Bottom they can.

In her letter, Congresswoman Holmes said:

"The tax rolls tell a frightening, untold story. The District has already lost its middle income tax base. Most of the District's remaining taxpayers today are not middle class. More than 65% of D.C.'s federal tax filers in 1993 had adjusted gross income of less than \$30,000. The overwhelming majority — 83% — were at less than \$50,000. These modest incomes indicate that many of these federal tax filers pay no D.C. property tax and little or no D.C. income tax. Many are elderly people. Obviously, these figures do not include several hundred thousand who do not work, or who earn little and do not file with the IRS. Only 11.5% of D.C. filers — about half the national average — are more solidly middle class — between \$50,000 and \$100,000."

How will the D.C. Government survive if the current non-student residents of Foggy Bottom, in the coming years, find that the creep of university-owned and student-occupied buildings become the majority of buildings west of 24th Street? (Any many of us feel the university should have been kept east of 23rd Street!) It is happening at a frightening rate: the Inn at Foggy Bottom, another house recently in the 23rd, G and Virginia Avenue triangle, etc., etc. Yes, the university pays taxes as a commercial building owner, but will that make up for the income and property taxes paid by the relatively (or very) comfortable owners of FB homes, condos and coops, such as Watergate?

The university's clout as a major D.C. employer pales when one realizes that most of its employees do not pay taxes in D.C. but in the adjacent states. And how do its students, who pay increasing tuition bills, feel about the avowed policy which results in the expenditure of a million dollars for one small house, for a hotel they legally must keep as a hotel, and on and on?

Residents Question Plans for Foggy Bottom Inn's 25th Street Handicapped Entrance

As we go to press, GWU is proposing to build a new handicapped-accessible entrance to the Foggy Bottom Inn at the back of the building on 25th Street. The proposal is being considered by the Historic Preservation Review Board at a hearing on February 22.

Residents of the 800 block of 25th Street and nearby streets have requested that the university reconsider building that entrance on 25th Street, but rather make the access either via the main entrance on New Hampshire Avenue, or through the garage. The University has rejected these two options for what is considered by the resi-

dents as aesthetic business reasons rather than because of cost or legal requirements.

The residents fear that a new, somewhat major entrance will attract additional traffic and be inconsistent with the residential Foggy Bottom Historic District. They also believe it will attract buses, which are banned on these streets. (While the bus ban has lessened the number of buses using the streets, it has not been entirely successful, as buses still often travel illegally to the River Inn in the 900 block of 25th Street.)

The ANC is expected to oppose the plans as they now stand.

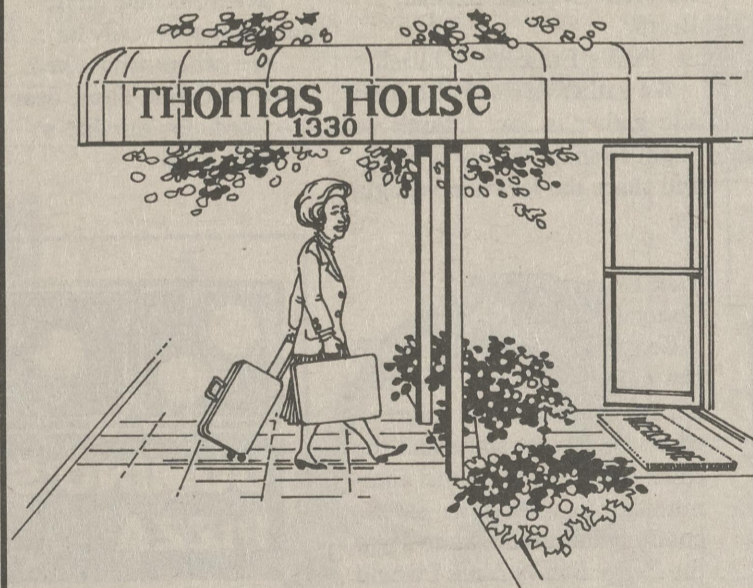
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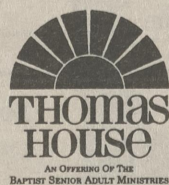
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Words About Betty

Adelaide Kummer:

It's so good to be able to contribute to the Betty Fund. Betty Olsen was such a cheery, pleasant lady and her contributions to the *Foggy Bottom News* had such a sense of neighborhood about them. As I read them I thought of Foggy Bottom as a small friendly town. Betty's death is indeed a loss. My deepest sympathy to her daughter and my thanks to you for handling the fund.

Dorothy A. Bunevich:

Enclosed is my check for the "Betty Fund." The establishment of the Fund seems a fitting tribute to Mrs. Olsen. She was an energetic, civic-minded lady. I'm sure suitable use will be found for the Fund.

Mary E. Brown:

Enclosed is my contribution to the "Betty Fund." I'm sure you will get a wonderful response, and that she will be missed beyond what words could say.

Ellie Becker:

Who couldn't appreciate someone who loved Foggy Bottom, worked so hard for it, and knew its streets and byways,

and its people and pets as perhaps no one else? She and I had the love of Foggy Bottom in common in spades! She was a great help to the Foggy Bottom Association and especially to the *Foggy Bottom News* as its main columnist AND ad manager. As a person, she was a free spirit, fun-loving and never unkind in word or deed. She died much too young, and we miss her already.

Sabrina Robinson:

I felt an emptiness inside when I was told God called you home. It was hard to believe, knowing how lively you lived your life. There are many people on earth but there are so few like you. You were a very vibrant person loving life the way you did. The things most people consider so little were the grandest things to you. These things made you the Betty we love the way we do.

Ms. Robinson is a desk clerk at Claridge House.

Lucille Molinelli:

It is difficult to understand why Betty's earthly mission is done; Apparently, there was far



Betty Olsen

greater need for her in the beyond; Going about her duties teaching newcomers to be responsible souls and to keep a clean environment with no litter as goals; Catching up with immortal Sidewalk Talk/Biz Buzz friends and relations; as she takes her rightful place at her grand welcoming celebrations; With her keen sense of humor, laughter, compassion and intelligence, we shall never forget her tireless dedication and humanitarian influence; So typical, never self-centered but proud and reluctant to share her serious health problems she silently endured, we are now sadly aware; Please watch over our community — we promise not to burden you here; always remember how much we miss and love you, Betty, dear.

Reverend Richard Martin, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
We gather in sorrow, but we also gather in joy, I think we ought to share the joy of Betty, and share the love she brought us.

Jack Evans, Ward 2 Councilmember:

Betty was a fixture in the FB community. When I first met her I was immediately impressed by her bright smile and the spirit she brought to this community. She was known for her gossip column and when I got the *Foggy Bottom News* I would immediately turn to the column to see if my name was in it. I

think the word to describe her was she was a personality, and we could use a whole city of persons like Betty. She made the District of Columbia and Foggy Bottom a better place because she was here.

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, President, The George Washington University:

Jack's thought of a city completely composed of Betty Olsens is so daunting and breathtaking that it almost leaves me speechless. I don't think even Washington could sustain that much energy and that much enthusiasm.

She met life head-on, with a forward-looking outlook — and always — that smile.

To lose a vibrant friend in the prime of her life is among life's toughest blows. She was a very special friend to me and to the George Washington community. But she paid us the highest compliment when she entrusted to us her daughter, Kirsten.

Don Tobey, neighbor and friend:

We grieve for a child who is snatched away.
Or a friend cut down in the heat of the day -
But as sunset deepens we are firm in our mind,
To cherish this life so generous and kind,
For while some only take, there are others who give,
Now we thank Thee, dear Lord, for this life so well lived.

Kirsten Olsen:

My mother Betty was my best friend and my favorite playmate. We moved here when I came here to attend The George Washington University. We toured the U.S. and Europe together, and went to every parade and festival in this hemisphere.

I could always call her up and say "There's such and so going on," and she'd say, "Meet you in the car in five minutes."

She was the most energetic, interested, informed and enthusiastic person I've ever met; she would have worn out the Energizer bunny.

She also was a person you could count on — a precious commodity in this busy world. She had a great sense of style; she was often more hip than I was. Though we were close, we weren't two peas in a pod, and we could shake the rafters when we were upset with each other. One of the things that would drive me crazy was for her to tell MY good news to everyone before I had a chance to talk to anyone myself about what I'd done. Or worse yet, I'd open the *Foggy Bottom News* and there I'd be in Sidewalk Talk. Everyone here has had that experience, right?

But I realize that she was just so proud of me that she couldn't keep the good news to herself.

I'm touched by all the love here tonight, and I'd like us to pause for a moment and each of us to think of a special moment when Betty brightened our day; she made my days happy and joyous, and I'll miss her very, very much. I love you, Betty.

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"Broken Windows"

Mel Brown came back from Europe with an article from the International Herald Tribune.

The connection between things like well-kept lawns and crime is often expressed by what is known among sociologists as the "broken window" hypothesis, which says that one broken window invites others because it creates an environment where no one cares.

In New York City in the late 1980s the Transit Authority began a concentrated effort to crack down on the subway's chronic crime problem.

Instead of focusing on violent crime, the Transit Authority went after the most common and seemingly inconsequential of crimes.

First it went after fare-beaters — the riders who leap over turnstiles without paying — arguing that they were setting a standard of lawless behavior that spilled over to the entire system.

Then management focused on graffiti, which it said was a glaring invitation that subway cars were places without rules or super-

vision. From that point on, no subway car was allowed to leave the yard with graffiti on it.

Today, New York's subway system is almost entirely graffiti free, fare-beating is at its lowest level in years, and since the cleanup campaign, robberies in the system are down 75 percent and felonies are down 66 percent.

There was a time when police departments and communities considered crime a deep-rooted and implacable social phenomenon, something that at best could be contained and at worst would just have to be tolerated. But if picking up trash and mowing lawns can make even a small difference, it suggests that criminal behavior is far less intransigent.

Criminals, the theory suggests, respond to their immediate environments. They take advantage of situations that seem to invite deviance. And communities that clearly articulate and enforce a standard of public behavior and order can discourage criminal activity.

Reprinted from The Blagden Alley Association Newsletter.

Development ...

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cess and we look forward to your participation.

In response, FBA stated:

In the remainder of your letter you write about future plans to develop a process to incorporate community concerns. Why wait? The concerns raised in my previous letter are the same that have been expressed for the past 25 years. For example, the chronic lack of residence halls has created numerous problems in the community. Long-term residents of many apartment buildings, such as Columbia Plaza and the Statesman, have routinely complained of noise and disruptive student behavior. Similarly, a moratorium on land purchases outside the Campus boundaries but within the Foggy Bottom community could be enacted immediately without any adverse investment impacts.

Why not take action now? If you wait, the result will be a difficult, expensive, time-consuming and litigious campus planning process similar to what happened last time around. I wonder how much the University has spent on legal and professional fees related to aborted development plans. In the end, no one wins.

Al, our concerns are real. We don't want to merely provide input, we want to work toward solutions. As a gesture of good will, the Foggy Bottom Association encourages you to adopt the compromise we have suggested.

Capt. Phyllis Burrell at December & January FBA Meetings

Captain Phyllis Burrell, who is commander of Sector 1 of the Second District, has attended the last two meetings of the FBA. She advised the FB group in December that new initiatives are being taken to stem crime in our area, including a large increase in officers assigned to our area, including foot patrols. In addition, increased personnel available at peak hours has resulted from permanent shifts established by Inspector Jacqueline Barnes, now in command of the Second District. It permits more officers on duty during the evening shifts, the hours of heaviest incidents.

Burrell comes to the Second District with 24 years of experience. Currently a consultant/instructor for the Consortium of Universities of D.C., her background includes posts in the Sixth and Fourth Districts, in the Youth, Criminal Investigations, Community/Youth Services, Abuse and Missing Persons, and Training Divisions. At the December meeting she indicated she will be attending as many FBA and other community meetings as possible.

At the January meeting she reported that Inspector Barnes is having the sector lines re-examined to increase police efficiency. Also, during the report by Officer Connor on Foggy Bottom's crime incidents, residents questioned the boundaries represented in the statistics. Since then a map of that area was provided to the *Foggy Bottom News*, and Sector 1 Community Empowerment Policing Beat is bounded as follows: Starting at Virginia Avenue and Rock Creek Parkway, north to Pennsylvania Avenue, east to Washington Circle, northeast on New Hampshire to Ward Place; south on 21st to Pennsylvania, then southeast and east to 15th Street; south to Constitution Avenue and west to Rock Creek Parkway. This is the area designated as of interest to the Foggy Bottom Association; police priorities are enforcement of all D.C. laws with special attention to aggressive panhandlers, vending regulations, traffic enforcement and homeless issues. (No mention is made on this flyer of the area's high rate of automobile breakins.)



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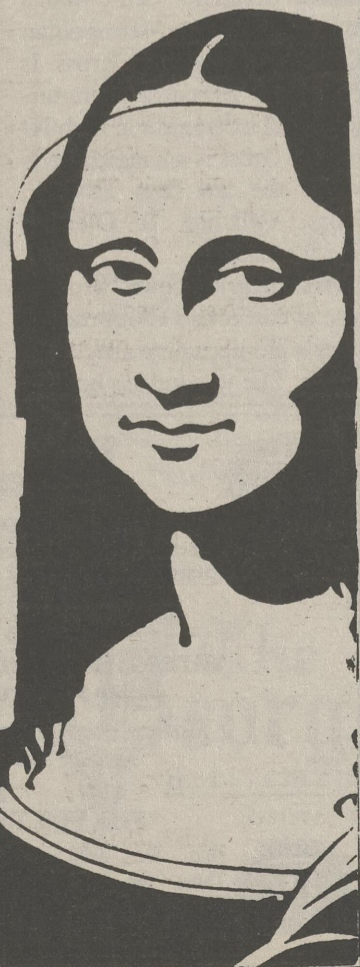
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Foggy Bottom Folks

New at St. Mary's Court is **Michelle Glover**, who has been appointed a new member of the staff. She will be assisting at the Court in day-to-day financial operations. Michelle is a student at GWU where her curriculum is finance.

Home from a stint with the Air Force Reserve is **Father Darwin Price** of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He spent three weeks in northern Italy and near the Slovenia border with the troops who were supporting those in Bosnia.

Also welcomed back to St. Mary's was **Lorenzo Smith**, who underwent bypass surgery in January. He is back only parttime, but claims to be feeling good and raring to go.

St. Mary's Court's **Willis Carrier** has a sharp eye, and has passed along some "naval intelligence," (Carrier is USNR Ret.) He reports that at the bar on the first floor of the Watergate Hotel there is a painting of a naval scene. Under it a plaque

reads: "Five Fighting Ships Commanded by Admiral Lord Nelson - 1807, by Karen Smith after Nicholas Pocock (1740-1821)." Actually, Admiral Lord Nelson died at the Battle of Trafalgar on October 21, 1805.

Mike Stevenson, longtime resident of the Claridge House, will be donning his best dark suit and best tie on March 7. That day, accompanied by his sister, who lives in London, he will enter the gates of Buckingham Palace to attend the investiture of his cousin Beryl, who was on the Queen's Honors List for 1996. She will receive the title "Member of the Victorian Order," a reward for years of devoted service to the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, in Reading. We're sure Mike is bursting with family pride.

Catherine Miller of Natural Day Care is planning some fundraising for projects in the 26th Street children's park. Top on the list of needed items is wood chips which the city formerly provided, but that has gone the way of several other city services. Miller and others who use the park for its intended purpose (for children) and work to make it a nice place for children and their parents, are continually distressed by its use

by dogowners for a latrine. If you'd like to help with this effort, call Catherine at 338-6389.

Heard from former FBA president **John Landgraf** at Christmas, and just reading his and Mary's travels this past year made me tired — and I'm some years younger than this lively octogenarian. They visited El Salvador (a USAID project); India (visiting Mary's son); China (World Conference on Women); Singapore and Malaysia (visiting human friends, orangutans and monkeys). He visited a museum where his research on the Muruts is in the permanent collection. (As you may have guessed, both John and Mary are anthropologists.) He still owns a home here and did manage to spend a few days here between travels.

The Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood is missing former ANC Commissioner **Ed Kelly**, who now lives in Alexandria. Ed and his new bride, **Kathy**, still ask about FB, and come into the city often for church and other events.

Another longtime resident has moved to 1330 Massachusetts Avenue, joining quite a few other former FB residents at Thomas House. This retirement residence offers a variety of services as well as housing. (You can read about it in the ad they run in the News.) She is **Nina Johnston** who lived for many years on 23rd Street, just across from the Smith Center. According to the real estate news in the D.C. papers, the purchaser of her house is, guess who? GWU, of course.

A resident of Foggy Bottom, **James J. Gross**, has been elected Scrivener (isn't that a great term?) of the Metropolitan Washington Mensa. Gross is also on the Executive Committee of this international high IQ society. Gross is managing partner of the law firm Thyden, Gross, Callahan & Oler in Chevy Chase.

Mrs. Mary Brown wrote a note of correction about the St. Mary's Homecoming article last month. She was indeed born at



26th and Virginia but lived at 815 26th. Mrs. Brown, by the way, has been a special friend to those setting up the Foggy Bottom history exhibit by the Gelman Library.

Another intrepid sojourner across (or really above) the water was our own **Mary Healy** who took to the air above Acapulco in one of those floating parachute-like gliding contraptions. The chute was towed and catapulted into the air by a

speedboat, and Mary ascended 300 feet above the water and floated all around. Confessing not to have been as calm as on dry land, she said, "I crossed my feet" because she just couldn't let go with her hands enough to cross her fingers. To descend she needed to pull on the right strings to empty the parachute, but hesitated letting go her left hand, but was encouraged from below by Mexican onlookers of crying "Pull,

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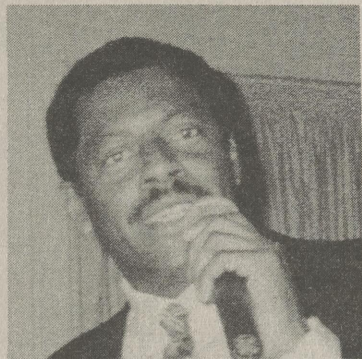
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FB residents have so much talent, which we are happy to discover and share. Most recently we heard about a talented Brazilian singer and composer of samba music named **Alaor Macedo**. Macedo came to the U.S. in 1993 and already has become known in D.C. for his danceable music. He and his



Alaor Macedo

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a supervised setting. In cooperation with physicians, the program also will develop prescriptive programs for individuals with special medical needs and other general health/fitness services which will be coordinated with the medical school and other academic disciplines.

Wellness Center Activities Not Suited to Smith Center

Let me assure you that the University has examined all possible locations and configurations for the proposed Health & Wellness Center, including the practicality of a co-location with the Smith Center. Based upon professional technical advice provided by independent consultant architects and other professionally qualified personnel, the substantial programmatic requirements of the Center outweigh the potential space at the Smith Center. The type of programs and activities planned for the Wellness Center are not compatible with the programs at the Smith Center. The Smith Center offers a far more active environment for the University's spectator sports. The Wellness Center would be most successful in an environment in which emphasis focuses on special medical needs, fitness assessment and training. Ball courts will generally be utilized for fitness training rather than competition. In addition, architecturally and structurally, the Smith Center structure cannot support additional floors above.

GWU Seeking Ideas From Neighbors

Yes, we have made tremendous progress with the redesign of the proposed Wellness Center on Square 42 from an architectural standpoint. Much of this progress is attributed to constructive criticism from concerned citizens and organizations including the membership of the Foggy Bottom Association. We have and will continue to take your suggestions and advice seriously.

With respect to St. Mary's Church, we have had some very productive work sessions with representatives of the Church. The University is sensitive to the issues of impact on the Church and is confident that we will resolve any matters of difference. We are also in communication with residents of St. Mary's Court and the Odd Fellows membership. We are satisfied with the progress presently being made.

The University continues to encourage constructive citizen involvement in the development of the proposed Health & Wellness Center. So far, the suggestions of the community have resulted in a building of superior design. I continue to encourage your participation.

The FBA Responds

Thank you for your letter of January 19, 1996 in response to my earlier correspondence. We appreciate that you welcome dialogue on issues of concern to the Foggy Bottom and West End community. Regarding the proposed Health & Wellness Center for Square 42, we

have several comments.

1. The BZA-approved Campus Plan states clearly that athletic facilities will be confined to the Smith Center. The University explicitly supported this restriction in its testimony before the BZA in 1986.

2. The BZA-approved Campus Plan restricts medical facilities to the Medical Center.

3. As described, the proposed site is essentially an exercise/athletic facility combined with clinical/prescriptive programs.

4. The BZA has already denied the University's request to build a Health & Wellness Center on Square 42 because it violates Campus Plan provisions.

5. The Foggy Bottom Association cannot support the University's current plans. You state in your letter that "the programmatic requirements of the (Smith) Center outweigh the potential space at the Smith Center." What percentage of the requirements can be accommodated by the space adjacent to the Smith Center? 90%, 75%, 50% or less? If the majority of the university's needs can be met by the existing space, we would strongly recommend the compromise proposed in my previous letter: expand the Smith Center and use Square 42 for a residence hall. I would add that in its testimony before the BZA in 1986, the University talked about an honors dormitory for Square 42. We would strongly endorse such an approach. In other words, the Foggy Bottom Association wants what the University said it was going to do in 1986.

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Lent in Foggy Bottom

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By the time you receive your *Foggy Bottom News* you will have received your ashes on your forehead on Ash Wednesday (or seen others' ashes) and started the forty days of Lent. Many of the churches in our area will have special evening and daily services during Lent.

All human beings need to take a time out for looking into their inner selves to see if there should be some spiritual repairs made or spiritual food added to their diets. New philosophies are contemplated during Lent and changes in our map of life are often made.

At Saint Stephen's Church on Pennsylvania Avenue, the church is open every day from 11:30 AM till 1:00 PM and again at 5:00 PM for prayer, short visits, meditations, and services. On Tuesday nights immediately after the 5:30 PM services there is a scripture study group going over the treasures of the Old Testament. Tom Sena is very knowledgeable and an excellent leader for this discussion group.

Wednesday nights (Feb. 27-April 3), are called Lenten Bread and Soup nights. Sister Ann Muriel Ronan, a teaching sister from the order of Sisters of Saint Joseph, has a discussion group which will examine every detail of the Catholic belief in the Virgin Mary. Sister Ann is delightful, with a good sense of

humor, and a deep knowledge of true spirituality.

These events are a good time to get acquainted with those we meet on the street in our neighborhood and at the various shops in our area. Being sociable helps us observe in others characteristics that we would like to have — and perhaps some we would like to avoid.

Being together, loving one another, is the way of life that pleases everyone.

If we are really going to be good neighbors, we need to do some things together other than work and pay bills. Hope you will enjoy Lent and discover new ideas for your map of life.

Ed. note: St. Stephen's neighboring church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church on K Street, offers a Lenten interlude each evening. At 6:15 (a coming-home time for many), St. Paul's offers Evening Prayers, lasting just 15 minutes, just prior to the evening Mass at 6:30.

Recycling Pickups To Be Cut

According to published reports, collection of recyclable materials will be made only every other week starting in March. A contract was signed in February with Eagle Maintenance Services (which has had the city contract for some time). Materials to be picked up are newspapers, glass, plastic, metal and junk mail. Watch for a flyer from the Department of Public Works for details.

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These suggestions for your own random acts of kindness will send a positive message to everyone around you, no matter what the season is.

- Smile at a bank teller.
- Leave a note of appreciation in your mail box for the postal carrier.
- Pick up litter. You'll beautify your surroundings, help the environment and exercise your back — all at the same time.
- Put change in expired parking meters.
- Wave another car through the intersection.
- If you see people involved in a fender-bender, stop at the nearest convenience store and bring them a soda, or offer to call family or friends for them while they wait for the police.
- If you have an elderly neighbor, offer to wash and wax their car; or better yet, shovel their driveway after a heavy snow without even asking.

Put These On Your Schedule

"Fantastic Foggy Bottom" Exhibit

The special exhibit by the Gelman Library on Foggy Bottom history has opened on the GWU campus. The exhibit is at the Colonnade Gallery on the 3rd floor of the Marvin Center on 21st Street between H and I Streets. The library planned the exhibit on our area as part of the university's 175th anniversary and entitled it "Fantastic Foggy Bottom: The Growth of A Community."

David Anderson, the library's archivist, discussed the event at the January Foggy Bottom meeting, showing slides depicting scenes of our area back through the years. Anderson indicated that the library has plans to prepare slide presentations and perhaps videos for later use by the university and the community.

The Colonnade Gallery is open daily from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. and the exhibit will close on March 2.

Second District Awards Banquet

The Second District of the Metropolitan Police is planning its first Annual Awards Banquet for Friday, April 26. To be held at the Fort McNair Officers Club, it will include a social hour from 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner. Advance tickets are \$23 per person; contact the Community Services Office at 282-0050 for tickets and/or information.

Best of Music Theatre at GWU

The GW Department of Theatre and Dance is presenting "And They Stopped the Show!" from February 29 to March 3, at the Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street. The talented cast and musicians perform scenes and musical numbers from Broadway classics, such as Hello Dolly, My Fair Lady, West Side Story, Oklahoma and The King and I. Feb. 29-March 2 at 8:00 p.m., March 3 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets, \$8; students/seniors \$5. 994-6178.

At West End Library

On Tuesday, April 23, the West End Library will play host to the Georgetown Theater Company, presenting love scenes and sonnets from Shakespeare. Plan to be at the Library, 24th & L, for this special event, at 7:00 p.m. A grant from the Friends of the West End Library is assisting in this presentation.

Takoma's gain is West End's loss, as Sheila Power, the former children's librarian, has been reassigned to the Takoma branch of the D.C. Public Library. She'll be missed and, judging by her choked-up good-byes, she'll miss WEL, too.

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